

## **Weekly Activity Report for the Week of January 6-10, 2014 for Region 6 Superfund Division**

**SF CONTINUES TO PROVIDE CROSS DIVISIONAL SUPPORT TO 6PD:** The Air Permits Section in 6PD requested Superfund's Risk Assessors to assist in reviewing Biological Assessments for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) permits and Endangered Species Act (ESA) Permit Reviews. The first of 15 assessments reviews (Apex Matagorda) that was due on January 6, 2014, was completed on January 3, 2014. It is a power plant using stored, compressed air to turn generators. Another one of the assessments (Enterprise PDH) that is due on January 15, 2014, was completed on January 3, 2014 as well. This is a permit for a Propane dehydrogenation (PDH) unit that will be used to manufacture propylene from propane. Four more are due on January 15, 2014. Superfund Risk Assessors are on schedule to meet the deadlines for these assessments. The Risk Team briefed SF management on the status and descriptions of the assessments on January 7, 2014. **(Banipal, x7324)**

**THE OKLAHOMA REFINING SUPERFUND SITE:** The Oklahoma Refining Company Superfund Site Team has concluded seven years of litigation and recovered \$14 million for the cleanup of the Site. The consent decree was entered into the court on November 1, 2013 at the conclusion of the case and the payment was received by the Department of Justice for the EPA on December 30, 2013. **(Banipal, x7324)**

**THE KIRTLAND AFB JET FUEL SPILL:** The Region 6 Superfund Division is currently preparing a response to a citizen's petition from Mr. David McCoy, Esq., to conduct a Preliminary Assessment (PA) under Section 105(d) of CERCLA at the Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) jet fuel spill in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The EPA will decline to perform a PA at the KAFB. The KAFB jet fuel spill is currently being addressed under RCRA correct active with oversight by the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Bureau. The EPA Region 6 Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division (6PD) has been closely following the fuel spill at KAFB, and is closely working with NMED to provide technical support and oversight. The draft letter will be provided to 6DP and EPA Headquarters (FFRRO) for review prior to finalizing the letter early next week. **(Banipal, x7324)**

**BIOLOGICAL RESPONSE, DALLAS, TX:** Staff Participated in a national workgroup conference call to develop a scenario for a tabletop exercise (TTX) to assess the scientific and communications gaps in biological response for the 2014 Program to Align Research and Technology with the Needs of Environmental Response (PARTNER). This year the PARTNER process to identify biological research gaps consists of a TTX of an intentional, wide area anthrax release scenario, and the outcome will be utilized to prioritize research projects for EPA's Office of Research and Development. The TTX is schedule to be held January 28-29, 2014, in the EPA Emergency Operations Center, Washington, D.C. **(Broyles, x3166)**

**CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP), DALLAS, TX:** The final drafts of the Region 6 COOP Plan, Devolution Plan, and Emergency Relocation Group designation memorandum are under review by the Regional Incident Coordination Team (RICT). These documents are anticipated to be presented to Senior Staff in January for approval / signature. **(Broyles, x3166)**

**EXPLO SYSTEMS, INC., MINDEN, LA:** Coordinated with Office of Regional Counsel and Enforcement Division to negotiate with Potential Responsible Parties (PRP's) for the removal of 18M lbs. of explosives stored at Camp Minden, Louisiana and 3M lbs. of explosives stored in East Camden, Arkansas. EPA is evaluating potential alternative technologies for the removal/disposal of the explosives at Camp Minden and is coordinating with EPA HQ as well as private companies at this time. General Dynamics/ATK will conduct a site assessment on January 8-9, 2014, to finalize work plans for the removal of approximately 3M lbs. of explosives. The Louisiana Military Department is evaluating a potential test burn of the M6 propellant by ASI/Expal (private entities) which is tentatively scheduled for January 15-17, 2014. On January 22-24, 2014 EPA is scheduled to oversee sampling for stability testing of 3M lbs M6 propellant in Camden, AR. The Bankruptcy Court Hearing (Shreveport, LA) on sale/transfer of M6 in Camden, AR was rescheduled until after the sampling is concluded. **(Broyles, x3166)**

**ROCK CREEK GAS PLANT FISH KILL / BORGER, TX:** Based on information from the Risk Assessor, pH and DO monitoring results, and approval from TCEQ to allow the creek fluids to continue downstream past the earthen berm, the PRP was permitted on the evening of 12/31/14 to remove the upper portion of the earthen berm and allow flow to continue. It is expected that no follow up Site visit will be required. A final POLREP will be submitted for management sign-off later this week or early next, if no new Site issues arise. The PRP has removed approximately 233,000 gallons from the creek during this response. **(Broyles, x3166)**

**US OIL RECOVERY/PRP / PASADENA, TX:** Pasadena Police Department contacted the OSC on the morning of 01/04/14 after catching an intruder removing equipment from the USOR property. PDP requested info and to identify a "victim" for their report. OSC provided PRP Group information. Sludge ops continue in the bioreactor. A new Factsheet is finalized and being translated prior to mail-out. OSC planning a Site visit mid month. **(Broyles, x3166)**

**R&H OIL TROPICANA ENERGY:** On January 7, 2014, EPA R6 participated in a Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) requested conference call on the EPA groundwater restoration policy. The PRPs have concerns about restoring groundwater at a site which they believe has minimal risk exposure and would like to explore alternatives. EPA R6 reiterated the EPA groundwater restoration policy, which is based on state groundwater classification and not site risk exposure. The PRPs would like to come to the EPA R6 Dallas office to discuss with upper management. The PRP will also be contacting the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to explore Texas groundwater municipal setting designation. **(Faultry, x2731)**

**SUPERFUND SEMS/PRIMAVERA TRAINING:** The week of January 13<sup>th</sup>, a HQ team will be conducting an intensive 3-day hands-on training for the Superfund staff that utilize the planning and accomplishment software that is replacing CERCLIS. A general overview of the system will be provided on January 13<sup>th</sup> for all Superfund staff. The Addison training facility will be used the remainder of the week in order to allow approximately 40 users to have the hands-on training. **(Faultry, x2731)**

**ACRES Packages:** Approved 25 assessments in ACRES. Currently, we have 52 assessments of the 80 (FY14 GPRA) completed. (Talton, x8358)

**BASELINE MONITORING:** Completed Baseline Monitoring reviews for the ADEQ 5-Year Review Cooperative Agreement and the TCEQ CORE Cooperative Agreement. (Talton, x8166)

**TAR CREEK:** Outreach “Safety First” continues. On-going remediation efforts continue for the Tar Creek Superfund Site OU4 on restricted properties. Efforts continue to identify and receive response from restricted property owners. Planning efforts continue on Chat Use Workshop to educate processors and users on the Chat Rule. Drafting Revised CIP. (Talton, x8166)

**2013 SUPERFUND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT:** Work in progress! (Talton, x8166)

**High Visibility FOIA’s:**

EPA-R6-2013-005831 / Exxon Mobil Pipeline “Mayflower” due date: 01/02/2014

EPA-R6-2013-006256 / Arkansas Pegasus Pipeline “Mayflower” due date: 01/02/2014

EPA-R6-2013-007647 / West Fertilizer - ABC News - due date: 01/09/2014

EPA-R6-2013-007980 / West Fertilizer - The Associated Press - due date: 01/09/2014

EPA-R6-2013-006056 / West Fertilizer - Dallas Morning News - due date: 01/09/2014

EPA-R6-2013-008099 / West Fertilizer - Reuters - due date: 01/09/2014

EPA-R6-2013-004559 / U.S. Oil Recovery - Houston Chronicle - due date: 01/03/2014

EPA-R6-2013-007323 / Explo Systems - due date: 02/04/2014

EPA-R6-2013-000493 / San Jacinto River Waste Pits - due date: 12/23/2013

EPA-R6-2013-010037 / Laguna Indian Pueblo - due date: 01/16/2014

EPA-R6-2013-010171 / Arkwood, Incorporated – CC “Bud” Grisham - due date: 01/03/2014